



Mt Maunganui Bridge Club

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November 2017 Newsletter

Editor: Julie Downs

from President Anne -

With another year of bridging almost over, it is time to say a big 'thank you' to the numerous, behind the scenes workers

who do so much to ensure the smooth running of the club. The committee appreciates your time, expertise and energy.

This year we have chosen to support

 **St John** 

for Charity Week. Sessions begin on Monday

11 December to Friday 15 December -

normal bridge days and starting times. Bren

Birss has kindly offered to act as partner

steward for the week and has printed off

sheets to enable members to fill in partners.

All table money (\$5 per session) will be donated, directors have offered give their time freely and we would appreciate if

members could contribute just one suitable item towards the Christmas Hamper raffle that Margaret Wham is assembling for us.

There are, no doubt, many of you who have had cause to use the services of St John and for those who have not, count your blessings.

We look forward to great support for such a worthy cause.

Anne

Club Captain Carol writes ...

While we are in the Xmas spirit I will be circulating a sheet for volunteers who are willing to offer occasional rides to members who for various reasons are car-less. An address or vicinity so we can match people close at hand would be helpful and days you usually play. I know alot of you organise this with your partner but sometimes help is needed and it would be a real shame to see our older members who can no longer drive being unable to continue playing bridge. Also a volunteer to act as a contact person would also be needed.

Congratulations to all our trophy winners for this year. It does seem some names keep on cropping up on a very regular basis, but I know the rest of us are all trying hard to usurp them. So keep at it and better luck next year to those who "could do better". You never know.

Now don't forget to get your partners organised for charity week, remember it's not in your programme book, and summer bridge.

Let's enjoy our last few weeks of bridge before the break.

Happy bridging everyone.



"Bridge Player of the

Month" is a white-haired

gentleman who comes once a year, bids only red suits and parks reindeer briefly while looking for the club chimney. When there's no bid, he passes and heads to the

nearest childrens' house. There he easily plays 7H and has late refreshments before play starts again

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nb. 2018 subs due now.

please note treasurer Roy's efficient

payment system set up at the table by the door.

Members just need a pen and \$50 to enjoy another year of friendly bridge.

HEARTY SEASONS GREETINGS
May you play as well at the table in 2018
as you did in the post mortems in 2017



CLUB RESULTS

Mondays Nov '17	Travelcom Pairs	1st Margaret Wakelin & Bev Walker 2nd Barry Crosby & Sarah Stacey 3rd Carolyn Parker & Tina Dudley
Wednesdays Nov'17	Status Clothing Handicap Pairs	1st Margaret Guy & Steve Porter 2nd Kay Wright & Ruth Sweatman 3rd Martin Van Der Meys&Mike Nichols
Wednesdays 2017	Malyon House Singles	1st Linley Hay 2nd Pamela Pedersen 3rd Barry Crosby
Thursdays Nov'17	Snowden Electrical Handicap Pairs	1st Margaret Carmichael & Flo Nield 2nd Lesley Stephen & Carol Grant 3rd Diane King & Raewyn Wright
Fridays Nov '17	Friday Champs Pairs	1st Jean Scott & Diane Moreland 2nd Margaret Jones & Marilyn Wallace 3rd Kath Harvey & Julie Downs

SUMMER BRIDGE
MARK THESE DATES
in your new diaries!

Mondays 1pm
January 8, 15, 22

Wednesdays
7.10pm
January 10, 17, 22

THANKS
to Gloria Mouatt
ph 5441834
who has offered to
be partner steward
for
SUMMER BRIDGE

Read n Learn

In a suit contract, declarer counts losers and categorizes them as fast losers that opponents can win when they gain the lead or slow losers that will be ready for the opponenets to take eventualyy, but not yet. Here are three steps for making a plan to eliminate your losers.

1. Identify and categorize your losers. When the trump suit is unevenly split between declarer and dummy, count losers from the longer trump hand - usually declarer's hand
2. Focus on eliminating your losers. You have three basic options for avoiding losers: trumping, dumping (discarding), or finessing.
3. Plan your timing. Which suit should be played first? Is drawing trumps a top priority? Are there entry problems? Can you afford to lose the lead now, later or not at all?

Plan your play - Pat Harrington ACBL

Bridge Poem: from bridgeforfun.net

To bid, or not to bid?... that is the question...
Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer
The slings and arrows of outrageous partners,
Or to take arms against a sea of doubles,
And by opposing end them?

To bid, to pass?
No more; and by a pass to say we end
The heart-ache and the thousand natural points
That flesh is heir to, 'tis a contract
Devoutly to be wish'd. To bid, to pass?

BRIDGE NESTING PAIRS

Nesting Pairs course has run across the Waikato since 2012 is now offered nationwide thanks to financial support from the New Zealand Bridge Foundation. Click on this YouTube link below for an invitation to join the course.

"Its primary aim is to encourage forming of partnerships and increase enjoyment of the game by exciting students into learning some new techniques. It is aimed primarily at intermediates but it is also of interest to the newer/less experienced open player and to keen juniors who have a strong grasp of the basics. It is not suitable for novice players."

All of the training and materials are provided electronically free of charge. A poster is sent out to all clubs detailing the online seminar dates and times. Students can, of course, get together to study outside those times and all the materials they will need will be on the Cambridge Bridge Club website free for them to access from 1 March 2018.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fL1SHqitE4c&feature=youtu.be>



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